

父上帝

很多人以為在耶穌以前甚少人稱上帝為父。而且，耶穌所採用特有的稱呼「阿爸父」是在亞蘭文中嬰孩對爸爸親切的稱呼，就如我們今天的 daddy。如是者，他們會認為，在稱呼上帝為父的背後，耶穌把人神的關係變得更加個人化。然而，我們卻相信耶穌稱上帝為父，有著其深厚的舊約背景。籍著這個稱呼，耶穌是要我們從新發掘上帝與人立約的關係。

以色列的父

1. 出埃及的經歷
2. 立約與揀選
3. 叛逆
4. 重出埃及的盼望

主耶穌的父

籍著對父神的順服，耶穌成就了以色列的使命，從而帶來了重出埃及的盼望。

他說：阿爸！父阿！在你凡事都能；求你將這杯撤去。然而，不要從我的意思，只要從你的意思。

馬可 14:36

基督在肉體的時候，既大聲哀哭，流淚禱告，懇求那能救他免死的主，就因他的虔誠蒙了應允。他雖然為兒子，還是因所受的苦難學了順從。他既得以完全，就為凡順從他的人成了永遠得救的根源、並蒙神照著麥基洗德的等次稱他為大祭司。

希伯來書 5:7-10

我們的父

認信：每當我們學習耶穌稱那管治萬有者為父，我們就在肯定我們新約子民的身份、宣認我們對那位將我們從奴役中解放出來的神的順服、並立志向世界宣告那重出埃及的福音。

God the Father

Some people believe that no one before Jesus addressed God as father. Moreover, it is believed that the Aramaic “*Abba*” is the intimate word of a baby when addressing his father. Consequently, people believe that by addressing God as Father, Jesus is making a point that our relationship with God is personal and intimate. However, we believe that Jesus’ *Abba*-language is deeply rooted in the Old Testament faith, and by encouraging us to address God as Father, Jesus wanted us to rediscover the covenant relationship between man and God.

The Father of Israel

1. *Exodus*
2. *Covenant and Election*
3. *Disobedience*
4. *Hope of the New Exodus*

The Father of Jesus

Through obedience to his Father, Jesus fulfilled the vocation of Israel, and thereby inaugurated the New Exodus.

"Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Mark 14:36

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrew 5:7-10

Our Father

Confession: As we imitate Jesus in calling the all-ruling God our Father, we affirm our identity as the new covenant people, confess our obedience to the One who liberated us from slavery, and sign on to the daring mission of proclaiming the New Exodus to the world.

經文

你要對法老說：耶和華這樣說：以色列是我的兒子，我的長子。我對你說過：容我的兒子去，好事奉我。

出埃及記 4:22-23

愚昧無知的民哪，你們這樣報答耶和華麼？他豈不是你的父、將你買來的麼？他是製造你、建立你的。... 你輕忽生你的磐石，忘記產你的神。耶和華看見他的兒女惹動他，就厭惡他們...

申命記 32

我說：我怎樣將你安置在兒女之中，賜給你美地，就是萬國中肥美的產業。我又說：你們必稱我為父，也不再轉去不跟從我。... 耶和華說：以色列啊，你若回來歸向我，若從我眼前除掉你可憎的偶像，你就不被遷移。你必憑誠實、公平、公義，指著永生的耶和華起誓；列國必因耶和華稱自己為有福，也必因他誇耀。

耶利米書 3:19; 4:1-2

我聽見以法蓮為自己悲歎說：你責罰我，我便受責罰，像不慣負軛的牛犢一樣。求你使我回轉，我便回轉，因為你是耶和華—我的神。我回轉以後就真正懊悔；受教以後就拍腿歎息；我因擔當幼年的凌辱就抱愧蒙羞。耶和華說：以法蓮是我的愛子麼？是可喜悅的孩子麼？我每逢責備他，仍深顧念他；所以我的心腸戀慕他；我必要憐憫他。... 耶和華說：日子將到，我要與以色列家和猶大家另立新約，不像我拉著他們祖宗的手，領他們出埃及地的時候，與他們所立的約。我雖作他們的丈夫，他們卻背了我的約。這是耶和華說的。

耶利米書 31:18-20, 31-32

Appendix

“This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, “Let my son go, so he may worship me.”

Exodus 4:22-23

Is this the way you repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you? ... You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth. The LORD saw this and rejected them because he was angered by his sons and daughters.

Deuteronomy 32

"I myself said, " 'How gladly would I treat you like sons and give you a desirable land, the most beautiful inheritance of any nation.' I thought you would call me 'Father' and not turn away from following me. ... "If you will return, O Israel, return to me," declares the LORD. "If you put your detestable idols out of my sight and no longer go astray, and if in a truthful, just and righteous way you swear, 'As surely as the LORD lives,' then the nations will be blessed by him and in him they will glory."

Jeremiah 3:19; 4:1-2

"I have surely heard Ephraim's moaning: 'You disciplined me like an unruly calf, and I have been disciplined. Restore me, and I will return, because you are the LORD my God. After I strayed, I repented; after I came to understand, I beat my breast. I was ashamed and humiliated because I bore the disgrace of my youth.' Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him," declares the LORD. ... "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:18-20, 31-32